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Ms. Claudia Beville
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
Committee on Energy and Commerce
House of Representatives

Dear Ms. ^{Claudia} Beville:

We have just completed the first step in the review of the transcript of the December 9, 1987 hearing organized by your Subcommittee on U.S. Technology Transfer to the Soviet Union. We apologize for the delay in getting this back to you, but [redacted] has been traveling and otherwise fully occupied with his own duties. Additionally, putting the transcript into the proper order was a time consuming endeavor.

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[redacted] has made minor corrections of the record in pencil of his own testimony, and in yellow pen he has highlighted the portions of his testimony which are classified "SECRET/NOFORN". Please note that he believes a portion of his testimony on page 171 is missing.

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Although you requested that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) take the lead in this review process and which we originally believed would be feasible, after careful consideration we have decided it would not be proper to do so. Rather we believe it is the responsibility of your Subcommittee to make directly the request to each individual who testified to correct his own record of testimony. We also believe that each individual who testified has the responsibility to take the initiative in classifying his own testimony as the originator knows best the range of classified or other material from which their information was derived.

After each individual has corrected the transcript and appropriately classified their statements, we request that you send the transcript back to the CIA for final classification review. If each individual reviews his portion of the transcript promptly and properly, this final step should not be too complicated and can be accomplished quickly.

We recognize that the primary goal of the Subcommittee is to have as much of this testimony as possible declassified,

and we will do our best to cooperate. However, we hope that the Subcommittee recognizes that some of this testimony must remain classified even after this review process. Clearly Chairman Dingell recognizes this by his opening statement at the hearing admonishing all present that this was a closed hearing and all classified material should be treated as such.

The transcript is ready to be transmitted back to your approved secure area on whatever day you specify. As you have done previously, please contact me whenever you want the transcript delivered.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Deputy Director, House Affairs
Office of Congressional Affairs

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